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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takane YOKOTAGAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1609

Application Number: 10/550,102

Examiner: **Ronald T. Niebauer**

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For: **LOW-MOLECULAR WEIGHT PEPTIDES INHIBITING ION
CHANNEL ACTIVITY**

Attorney Docket Number: **053057**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

March 5, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 5, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I) (Claims 1-5 and 9); Group (II) (Claims 6-8); and Group III (Claim 10).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I) (Claims 1-5 and 9) and elects the Species of sequence ID 1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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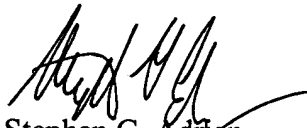
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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